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2 years after Central Pollution Control Board pointed out 25 contaminated sites in K'taka, of which 5 are in B'luru, no efforts made to remediate these areas

TOXIC VIBES

Experts say harmful chemicals can enter food chain, seep into groundwater

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In December 2020, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) came up with a list of 'contaminated and probable contaminated' sites in 21 states across the country. Out of 280 such sites identified by the pollution watchdog, 25 were found in Karnataka.

The sites included production areas, landfills, dumps, waste storage and treatment sites, mine tailings sites, spill sites, chemical waste handlers, and storage sites.

The CPCB's report also stated that Bengaluru is home to five such sites contaminated by toxic and hazardous substances.

These were Goripalya near Mysore Road, Mangammanapalya near Hosur Road, Peenya Industrial area, Mavallipura dumpsite near Yelahanka, and Begur Lake. The list of probable contaminated sites comprises Lalbagh Lake, Madiwala Lake, Hebbal Lake, Bellandur Lake, Kengeri Tank, Arekere Lake, Agara Lake, and Begur Lake.

CPCB had then recommended that these sites be investigated in detail and remediation activity be carried out to reduce human health risks and environmental impacts. Remediation was to be achieved by cleaning contaminated media, which in these cases is soil, groundwater, surface water, and lakebed sediments.

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> **We did a preliminary study and requested CPCB to delist some of the sites as we did not find any contamination. However, CPCB has suggested a detailed study**
> — KSPCB official

CLAMPS OUT

Traffic police is on a mission to clear city's roads of haphazardly parked vehicles

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If you have a habit of parking on the road, get rid of it now. Traffic cops won't have it anymore and are on a drive to clear the roads of wrongfully parked vehicles.

Traffic cops are trying to sort out the issue of two-wheeler vehicles parked on the roadside causing blocks. Residents of some areas had also complained that vehicles are parked outside their gates, blocking access to homes. This is exacerbated by the lack of parking facilities in the city especially in residential areas with a lot of commercial establishments.

In the past week, the traffic police have started conducting drives to remove vehicles parked on the roadsides in parts of Bengaluru. In the past week, vehicles parked within Halasoor, Shivajinagar, Bellandur, Sadashivanagar and Mysore Road were removed, followed by strict action against footpath parking and wrong-side riding.

A senior traffic official informed BM, "We conducted a drive on Friday. We booked a few violations like footpath riding, wrong parking, and wrong-side riding. The drive covered Central Bengaluru areas like

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Love dancing?

Here's a chance to attend a two-day workshop focused on Ashtapadi, Sakhi He. The workshop is being held by Vidhya Subra-manian and will be relevant in offering a grasp of the nuances it holds. Find a new metaphor or a new relationship with this popular Ashtapadi this month.
Where: Atta Galatta, 178, 5th Main. 9th Cross, 1st Stage Indiranagar; When: June 17 and 18; 11:30 am- 1:30 pm

02 Quiz time

Participate in Quiz Mania @Urban Solace by quizmaster Alan Stevens to gain experience designed to stimulate the minds of Bengaluru. The quiz aims to cover a range of questions across science and technology, sports, nature and wildlife, business, food and drink, movies, and entertainment.
Where: Urban Solace, 32, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road (opposite Ulsoor Lake); When: June 18; 7pm to 9 pm

03 Correct postures

Join a yoga session with Pragya Bhatt at a workshop that will let you gain appreciation of the traditional fabric and help you learn simple asanas that can keep you fit. Bhatt, draped in a suta saree, will depict the ease of the flow of the mul fabric on World Yoga Day and how easily asanas can be done in a saree.
Where: Suta, Indiranagar, Bengaluru Store, 1st Floor, 3949, 12th Main Road, off 100 Feet Road, Opposite Araku Coffee; When: Sunday, June 18; 5 pm to 6 pm

Classroom learning: Find your perfect seat

City schools explore different seating arrangements to encourage student participation in class; flexible seating helps engage with concepts: experts

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How should students behave in class? Well, this has been the most debated topic for a long time. Many schools are experimenting with different types of seating arrangements and claim that they help increase students' attention or curb their mischievous behaviour. In some schools, institutes are experimenting with new seating arrangements. For example, some of them are experimenting with roundtable discussions or sitting in a circle.

Others are adopting smaller groups facing each other, especially among the lower grades. There are also schools that have desks facing each other, promote sitting with a new person every day, and even conduct outdoor classes under trees.

The institutes are trying to break down silos by changing students' seating arrangements. However, teachers say that there is some resistance to the concept as students are used to sitting facing the teacher. While some claim that it will help attentive students who are not silent, another argument is that small doubts may be resolved by their neighbours who have understood it.

Aloysius D'mello, principal of Greenwood High International School, said, "Learning among children occurs in multiple modes and is impacted by various factors, including how and where children are seated in the classroom. We do have different seating arrangements over a period of time, and we change sections, which encourages peer learning in students. This is meant to improve bonding and develop their ability to mingle with new students.

According to experts, U-shaped class set up will let students see each other and interact

> **"This initiative opens up new interactions and discussions, in addition to generating fresh perspectives**
> – Aloysius D'mello, principal of Greenwood High International School

This initiative opens up new interactions and discussions, in addition to generating fresh perspectives. Teachers would also find it exciting to teach different student groups and effectively deliver the concepts being taught. A change is necessary both to impart and imbibe a new idea, he added.

Shefali Jhaveri, Head of Learning at Canadian International School, said, "As we look to meet the varied needs of learners in our classrooms, the design of the learning environment plays an important role in this. As we specifically consider seating arrangements, flexible seating including outdoor learning spaces, moving classroom furniture to group seating, or circular or even U-shaped seating, all of these play a role in how learners engage with the learning experience."

She added that it was through flexible seating that learning moved away from being teacher-led and instead became more student-centred. There are greater collaboration or discussion opportunities that allow the learners to engage with concepts differently.

"Take a traditional class setting where students sit in rows, versus a U-shaped class set up where students would be able to see each other and interact. It is more likely that if we were to use the latter, classroom discussion would encourage greater participation and more focused interaction. Here, the teacher is also a part of the group, and learning is paced by the depth of discussion as led by the students. The teacher continues to play a crucial role here in guiding these discussions or learning opportunities, but students engage with the experience differently," she explained.

Teaching and learning have come a long way from the model of teacher-led classrooms, and involving students in their learning experiences is crucial. Based on the nature of the learning experience, flexibility in the learning environment does have a significant impact on learner engagement, and the greater the positive engagement, the more that is gained from the experience, she further added.

VK Education Fair: A world of possibilities

The NEET and CET results are out, and now every student who has completed PU is contemplating their next steps. Students and parents are currently brainstorming over which college and which stream to choose. To simplify choices for students and provide guidance from experts, Vijay Karnataka, a sister concern of Bangalore Mirror, is organising a mega programme called the VK Education Fair. This premier educational event will be held at Jnana Jyoti Auditorium, Central College, on June 24 and 25. This two-day event will feature experts from the educational field who will guide students on their career paths. It will serve as a one-stop shop for all education-related queries. Interestingly, several top educational institutions will participate in this programme, offering insights about their campuses, courses, and fees.

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In addition to this, counselling sessions will be conducted by experts to address student doubts and confusion. For instance, many engineering students are still unsure about which stream to choose. Even if they have narrowed down their options, they want to know more about the colleges, such as their proximity to their homes, placement opportunities, infrastructure, and fee structure. All these questions will be answered at the VK Education Fair. Reaching the venue is convenient, as there is ample parking space available.

The bus stand is nearby, with the option to alight at Maharani's College, KR Circle, or the Old Mysore Bank stop. If you plan to use the Metro, you can get off at Sir M Visvesvaraya Metro station. ***For registration, please use the given QR code.*— Prakash VL**

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Bengaluru North: The perfect place?

Realtors point out reasons for preference of properties in northern part of city

Bengaluru North is witnessing a surge in real estate development, making it the preferred destination for those looking to own a house with all the amenities. Realtors note that properties in the northern part of the city are affordable, catering to various budget ranges. These properties offer a range of facilities, including swimming pools, clubhouses, modern amenities, stadiums, and parks. Realtors also highlight the potential for good returns on investment, making it an attractive option for those looking to buy property for future returns or rental income.

The rise in realty in Bengaluru North can be attributed to several ongoing infrastructure projects, according to a recent report by Anaroch. These projects span multiple sectors, such as transportation, technology, tourism, and urban development, and are contributing to the region's growth potential.

One of the major projects driving demand is the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), a 73.5 km infrastructure project connecting Tumakuru and Hosur roads via Hesaraghatta Road, Doddaballapur Road, Ballari Road, Hennur Road, Old Madras Road, Hoskote Road, and Sarjapur Road. The PRR is expected to improve connectivity and promote development along its route, thereby boosting the local economy.

Another significant project is the Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR), an under-construction 4-6-lane access-controlled expressway under the Bharatmala Pariyojana. The STRR aims to connect 12 towns around Bengaluru, creating satellite towns that can serve as alternate economic centres.

Additionally, a state-of-the-art startup park near Kempegowda International Airport is being developed with an investment of Rs 30 crore. This park is expected to become a hub and incubator for aspiring entrepreneurs, fostering the growth of startups in the region. The development of the Bengaluru International Airport Area Planning Authority (BIAAPA) region as India's first aerotropolis is also attracting attention, with high demand for satellite offices and residential units.

Other notable projects include the Bengaluru Aerospace Park, the Bengaluru Signature Business Park, and the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP). These infrastructure developments are set to transform Bengaluru North, attracting investments and driving economic growth in the region. However, the report emphasises the importance of proper planning and sustainability to minimise environmental impact, manage traffic, and ensure the well-being of residents. With careful execution and a balanced approach to development and preservation, Bengaluru North can capitalise on its infrastructure advancements while preserving its natural charm and quality of life.

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All weather scramble

The southwest monsoon has set in over Kerala, at least that is what reports have been saying; that the annual watering of life in this part of the planet has begun.

Fact is the rainfall has been scanty: with the sunshine, unseasonal blue skies dotted with patches of clouds one could say the weather of late is reminiscent of any season but the monsoon that usually grips Kerala in the first two weeks of June.

Dark days without the sun and showers that would not stop for 2-3 days - nothing of that sort this time.

It is as though the cyclone that was brewing and now weakening to a depression in the Arabian Sea - Biporjoy - sucked into its eye all the monsoon clouds ebbing with the much expected rainfall that were to grace Kerala and the rest of the southern peninsula over the next month or two.

A peculiar pattern that has been observed in the past few years is the increasing likeness of showers to cloudbursts - humongous quantities of water crashing down in short spells wreaking havoc on urban infra or causing floods as rivers swell, reservoirs breach and seawater flooding low-lying areas devastating already impoverished lives of fishers.

No doubt this haphazard weather is the fallout of the climate emergency and it is to remain so in the near future.

The ramifications of this climate/weather shift are perhaps much beyond the human psyche to fathom let alone deciphering the minuscule transformations underway in the lives of the plants and animals that share or rather compete for the last remaining spaces on the planet with us humans.

Where are we now at this juncture is perhaps the most critical question that the collective must raise on the backdrop of the dramatic shift in the monsoon now hijacked by an errant cyclone that is traversing the northwestern coast.

Are we trapped in the beginnings of an evolutionary shift that would require us to embrace an all weather scenario in the coming years? Perhaps yes. The seasons as we know them are no longer able to sustain as they used to; this is throwing the lives of animals and plants out of gear as we speak, affecting pollination and agricultural production in a scale never seen before. Now that's one aspect of how this more or less human-induced anomaly will wreck not only the future of humanity but life as we once knew it on the planet.

Or it could very well trigger a massive extinction event.

Meantime, as far as humanity is concerned, a recent report said global heating could push billions of people on the planet outside the 'human climate niche'.

"The climate niche describes where people flourish and have flourished for centuries, if not millennia in the past," the Guardian quoted Prof Tim Lenton at the University of Exeter, UK, who led the new research. "When people are outside [the niche], they don't flourish," he told the newspaper.

That we are only thinking in human terms is despicable at this point. The stupidity of it is only surpassed by our sheer inability to see ourselves as part of the natural mechanisms at work.

However, it is incredibly late and the only thing we as a species could possibly do to mitigate the fallout is to be ready to negotiate all kinds of extreme weather and natural calamities that are to descend upon us in the near future.

The irony is the global south which has no policy or plan to tackle or protect its most vulnerable people on the frontlines of the climate emergency is yet to even acknowledge the precipice of doom it is balancing itself upon still blindly following the west that would surely cocoon itself in the the aforesaid climate niche when times of desperation shall befall upon humanity.

The west is still lost in greenwashing oil giants in the Middle East refusing to take note of the scale of the catastrophe that is inching closer to us. The charade of appointing an Arab nation to host the climate summit reveals how meek the intent is behind such fake show of commitment towards hand holding humanity out of the perils of the climate emergency.

In earnest, whenever we see erratic weather manifest in varied geography we must pick up the discussion from where we left it so that some kind of awareness becomes second nature in the collective. That said, at present we are lost in one of the worst political arrangements the world has ever seen - in the stranglehold of the monumental ineptitude of a generation of old-men leaders unable to shine no guiding light whatsoever as millions seeking refuge drown in the sea farout from their gazes.

No succour for slushy Doddamara Road

2 years have passed since BWSSB dug up road to lay underground pipelines but road work remains incomplete

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The residents of Doddamara Road in East Bengaluru have raised an alarm over the deplorable condition of the road near Notredame Academy, a prominent local school. Despite two years passing since the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) dug up the road for laying underground pipelines, the road remains incomplete, causing immense inconvenience to the residents.

The road, now resembling a slushy path, faces regular waterlogging, turning into a nightmare for the citizens during rainfall. Despite their persistent efforts to reach out to the authorities, including the local MLA Shivanna and BWSSB officials, the residents' pleas have fallen on deaf ears, with no action taken to address the dire situation.

They expressed concerns about the safety of the children living in the area who travel on this route every day. "Around 50 buses belonging to various schools navigate this road both in the morning and evening, posing a significant risk to the young students. Furthermore, even two-wheeler riders find it nearly impossible to commute on this stretch due to the uneven and treacherous road conditions," said Sudhir, a resident of the area.

One resident, visibly frustrated by the lack of response from the authorities, said, "We have repeatedly reached out to the concerned officials, hoping for a resolution to this hazardous situation. However, our pleas have been met with silence and indifference. It is deeply concerning to witness the state of the road deteriorating day by day, putting the safety of our children at risk. Earlier, we were told that the MLA Shivanna was not getting funds from the BJP government. However, now that the Congress is ruling the government and MLA Shivanna belongs to the same party, we want them to fix the road. We cannot keep suffering like this."

This is the condition of the Doddamara Road in East Bengaluru

> **It's frustrating to see our pleas being ignored while we navigate through this area. We deserve better, and we urge authorities to prioritise our safety**
>
> –Citizens for East Bengaluru member

Another resident highlighted the urgency of the matter, saying, "The presence of multiple schools in the vicinity means that a significant number of students traverse this road daily. With the stretch in such an abysmal state, it is nothing short of a potential disaster waiting to happen. We implore the authorities to take immediate action before any untoward incidents occur."

A member from Citizens for East Bengaluru said, "It's frustrating to see our pleas being ignored while we continue to navigate through this area. We deserve better, and we urge the authorities to prioritise our safety and take immediate action to fix this road."

Here's to driving towards sustainability

The fourth edition of the Green Vehicle Expo begins on Friday at the Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre (BIEC). The three-day expo is expected to have around 20,000 visitors.

> **More than 130 Indian and foreign companies are participating in the green vehicle expo**

More than 130 Indian and foreign companies are participating in the green vehicle expo. Electric vehicle manufacturers from Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Delhi have exhibited their products at the expo. A few companies from Japan and China have also participated in the expo.

The organisers have offered a rebate for those who book the electric vehicles at the expo that was inaugurated by Karnataka Renewable Energy System Manufacturers' Association chairman Surendra Kumar KR, Pride Energy Environment Resources Research Institute chairman Ramesh Shivanna, and Media Day Marketing director Mohammed Mudassir.

KR Surendra Kumar said the government has given priority to the manufacturing of electric vehicles to achieve the goals of environmental sustainability.

"Electric vehicles are the future of mobility. Bengaluru is growing as a global destination. I want the people of Bengaluru to come forward to use electric vehicles for mobility in the city," added Kumar.

On this occasion, Bharat New Energy Company has unveiled three electric vehicles: the Challenger S110 Electric Motorcycle, the Perfetto Electric Scooter, and the Boss S150 Performance Electric Motorcycle. Taser Electric Company from Lingasugur in Raichur district has unveiled electric scooters.

Media Day Marketing Director Mohammed Mudassir said that around 20,000 visitors are expected to visit the three-day expo, not only from Bengaluru but also from other states. "This is the fourth edition of the green vehicle expo. The first green expo had 7,000 visitors, the second green expo had 9,000 visitors, and the third green expo had 12,500 visitors," he added.

–Y Maheswara Reddy

Mega initiatives uplift Nelamagala

Development projects and large-scale initiatives have made it a hotspot for buyers

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After Hosur Road, Nelamangala Road was the next to have a six-lane road with a four-lane service road and a long flyover; the area has contributed to the development of Bengaluru

Mega infrastructure projects in Nelamangala and Mysuru Road are propelling realty growth," said Sandesh N, a realtor. He added, "After Hosur Road, Nelamangala Road was the next to have a six-lane road with a four-lane service road and a long flyover. This was later replicated on Mysuru Road, which was widened to a six-lane road with a four-lane service road on either side. These mega infrastructure projects have definitely made traveling easier, and as a result, many residents of core Bengaluru have wanted to move to the outskirts to build their dream homes."

Nelamangala has contributed significantly to the development of Bengaluru and has become very profitable for the real estate industry. Not only realty buyers but also property and home buyers concentrate on Nelamangala for their purchases. The presence of numerous development projects and large-scale initiatives has made it a hotspot for buyers. Importantly, the development of the peripheral ring road, satellite ring road, and six-lane roads has increased the cost of land in the area. The Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) project, in particular, has made it a hotspot, causing property prices to skyrocket. Nelamangala serves as a gateway to Bengaluru, with the intermediate 320 feet ring road connecting all parts of the city. This accessibility makes it a favourite among the people. The presence of the Indian Institute of Horticulture in Hesaraghatta, the 120 feet Nelamangala to Doddaballapur road connecting to the airport, and the APMC yards that support the wholesale industry are additional advantages for the area.

> **"City folks wantto move to the outskirts to build their dream homes**
>
> – Sandesh N, realtor

Nelamangala is a well-known educational hub, hosting many educational institutions such as Harvard Group of Institutions, Swamy Vivekananda Institute of Technology, Shivakumar Swamy College of Engineering, Harsha Hospital, MS Ramaiah Group of Institutions, and Navkis Residential School, among others. This makes it an attractive destination for education enthusiasts, drawing people to stay in the region and showing interest in realty. Along with the satellite town ring road, realtors on Tumakuru Road and Nelamangala are keeping an eye on the developments of the peripheral ring road and six-lane roads. With the metro and local train facilities within reach, the place has been identified as the best place for residents and for starting new industries. **— Prakash VL**

2 innovative room partition ideas

Sliding folding partitions

Similar to sliding doors, these partitions give you great freedom about how you want them based on the overall design of your house. Sangeeta Advani Mansharamani, principal designer and co-founder of Fine Lines Designers shares, "This system depends on the width it is covering, need not have a track, and can work simply on hinges and stack on one side. The advantage of this type of stacking is that it folds against the wall.

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You can give your house an artistic vibe by having a custom-made grill designed as a room divider.

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Laser-cut metal, carved MDF, CNC-cut marble slab, bamboo, ropes and chains or even projecting surfaces from wood can make a grill," says Sangeeta. **— Times Property**

Exploring Vastu colours for home

The atmosphere at your home can be shaped by your choice of colours! Read on to know more

Colours play a vital role in shaping the atmosphere and energy of our homes. Each colour carries its own symbolic meaning and can evoke specific emotions and moods. Understanding the significance of colours can help us create harmonious and balanced living spaces.

Colour psychology suggests that:

1. Blue promotes calmness, tranquillity, and relaxation, making it suitable for bedrooms and areas where peace is desired.
2. Red symbolises passion, energy, and stimulation.
   It can be used sparingly in areas where activity and liveliness are desired, such as the living room or entertainment spaces. It is advisable to use red as an accent colour rather than for entire walls.
3. Green represents growth, balance, and harmony. It is ideal for spaces where rejuvenation and connection with nature are important, like gardens or study rooms.
4. Yellow signifies positivity, happiness, and optimism.
   It can be used in areas where energy and creativity are desired, such as the kitchen or home office.
5. Orange stimulates enthusiasm, warmth, and sociability. It can be used as an accent colour in social spaces or areas where interaction and communication occur.
6. Purple embodies luxury, spirituality, and introspection. It can be used in meditation rooms or areas where relaxation and self-reflection are encouraged.
7. Neutral colours like white, beige, and grey provide a versatile backdrop and promote a sense of openness and balance. They can be used throughout the home to create a cohesive and harmonious environment.
8. Metallic colours like gold, silver, and bronze can be used as accents or decorative elements to add a touch of opulence and prosperity to a space.
   However, avoid excessive use of metallic colours, as it can create an overwhelming effect.
9. Incorporating natural elements like wood, stone, or plants into your space can also contribute to the overall Vastu balance. These natural elements bring in their own colours, textures, and energies that can enhance the positive vibrations in a room.

Warm colours like red, orange, and yellow stimulate appetite and create an energetic atmosphere. Cool colours like green, blue, and white bring a sense of calmness and serenity.

Consider the kitchen's direction and corresponding element when selecting colours. Harmonise colours with the overall kitchen décor and fixtures.

Bedroom

- Choose calming and soothing colours for a tranquil ambience.
- Shades of blue promote relaxation, while earthy tones provide grounding.
- Soft pastel shades like pink and lavender foster emotional well-being.
- Balance personal preferences with Vastu principles when selecting colours.

Living Room

- Opt for warm, inviting colours for positive social interactions.
- Shades of yellow and orange create a vibrant atmosphere.
- Earthy tones like beige and brown bring warmth and grounding.
- Pops of green or blue contribute to a sense of balance and vitality.

Bathroom

- Select colours that emphasise cleanliness and rejuvenation.
- Shades of white symbolise purity and freshness.
- Light pastel colours like soft pink or pale green create a calming ambience.
- Keep colours light and neutral for a hygienic and tranquil space.

Remember, while Vastu colours play a significant role, personal preferences and overall aesthetics should also be considered when choosing colours for each room. The goal is to create a harmonious and energetically balanced living space. **— Times Property**

Memo to bring back MEMU

Mainline Electric Multiple Unit trains used to make airport travel convenient for commuters coming from far; they want services up to Chikkaballapur

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Citizens for Citizens (C4C), a collective of activists, has written to the Divisional Railway Manager of Bengaluru, Shyam Singh, seeking a revival of the airport train services.

The MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) trains were introduced to make airport travel convenient for commuters, considering the massive distances from most neighbourhoods in the city to the Bengaluru airport. Along with this, the services provided were also significantly economical for passengers, as the train fare was set at Rs 30 to Rs 35 per person. In comparison, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation's (BMTC) Vayu Vajra has an average fare of around Rs 200 to Rs 500, and cab fares found through aggregator applications can reach a whopping Rs 2,000, depending on the location in the city. Therefore, the train services acted as a cheaper alternative.

C4C noted that the commute of 1.5 lakh people on a daily basis from the city to the airport or vice versa is currently 100 per cent road-centric. The metro to the airport terminal will only be ready by 2026, and yet, it will still be unable to serve certain corridors in the city.

Additionally, the construction of a suburban rail network connecting to the airport is yet to begin. Keeping this in mind, they have urged the South Western Railways (SWR) to bring back the MEMU services and have also suggested measures to be taken to maintain high patronage.

File photo of a MEMU train; cab fares found through aggregator applications can reach a whopping Rs 2,000, depending on the location in the city. Therefore, the train services acted as a cheaper alternative

> **"MEMUs were being reversed at Devanahalli. They must be extended to Chikkaballapur since thousands of farmers, students will benefit** – C4C

"The MEMUs were being reversed at Devanahalli. They must be extended at least up to Chikkaballapur since thousands of farmers, students, and others will benefit," the group said. It suggested that punctuality must be given high priority, as the MEMUs previously ran with less than 10 out of 100 trips being on time (+/- 2 mins).

"The routes and timings need to be reworked. Specifically, services are required from Whitefield as well as Heelalige routes. In addition, regular services from Cantonment to Chikkaballapur will definitely help. Similarly, if KSR City railway station is saturated, then regular services from Yeshwanthpur will also help," it said.

It added that an extension of at least one suitable train service from all surrounding towns directly to Chikkaballapur, including Tumkur, Mysuru, Hosur, and Bangarpet, will also be beneficial.

Rice supply: Congress to stage protest against Centre

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday said the Congress will hold protests at all district centres against the BJP government at the Centre on June 20, as he accused it of ensuring that the state doesn't get the required amount of rice to implement its 'Anna Bhagya' scheme, which provides additional 5 kg of rice for BPL families.

Noting that the state government is making all efforts to procure rice from other sources and from producing states, he indicated that there may be slight delay in rolling out the scheme against the scheduled date of July one.

"I want to congratulate BJP national President JP Nadda, as they (BJP) have walked the talk", Shivakumar said sarcastically.

"It was reported in the media quoting him that if BJP loses the election central schemes to the state will get affected, he has kept up his word. Even as the Prime Minister speaks about federal structure..."

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All wrongly parked vehicles will be removed

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Cubbon Park, MG Road, Sadashivanagar and West Bengaluru areas like Kengeri, Byatarayanapura, KR Market, and Kamakshipalya." However, traffic police clarified that these vehicles are not being towed away.

"We are either using clamps or asking the owners to remove the vehicles. If a vehicle is clamped, the owner is asked to bring it to the police station and a case is booked and the offender has to pay a fine in court."

The traffic police had suspended the towing system last February and they clarified that they have no plans to bring it back. Police have been relying on using wheel clamps on illegally parked vehicles and fining offenders. First-timer offenders are fined Rs 500 followed by Rs 1,000 for repeat offenders.

Contact Details

The Director General and Inspector General of Police has instructed all police stations to display contact numbers of area's top cops. In an order dated June 13, DG & IGP Alok Mohan issued the directive to all police stations to install display boards with the contact numbers of top cops. This is for people to raise complaints with top cops in case a complaint is not filed. The board will have contact details of COP, DCP, ACP, SP, Add SP, and Dy SP. The contact details will be displayed in both Kannada and English. The police stations have been asked to complete the compliance exercise by June 23 and submit a report.

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Parked forever?

Yelachenahalli

Despite a police complaint, this vehicle has been parked near the post box in Yelachenahalli for three weeks.

Mosquito menace

HRBR Layout

Residents of 7th A Main Road, 1st Block, HRBR Layout are facing a mosquito menace due to garbage dumping.

Broken footpath

Sarjapur Road

This broken footpath near Sarjapur Road, Doddakannelli has a gaping hole which has been left open for months.

Looking up 'customer care'? You must know this

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If you are looking for a customer care number to contact any company, make sure that you are browsing the official site as many people are falling prey to customer care fraud.

Recently, Jayashree Chandru, a homemaker, was looking for a company executive to repair her refrigerator. When she searched for the website, she found one that looked similar to the original. When she dialled the number, a professional answered her call and informed her that the executive would visit her home. Later that evening, the executive visited her home and informed her that the compressor needed repair, demanding Rs 20,000 from her. Unaware, she paid the money, and only after a few days, when the executive failed to return, she realised that she had been conned.

A police official said, "There have been growing instances of people being conned by accessing fraudulent websites. When they search on a search engine, they fail to check the correct URL. The fraudsters create websites that look almost identical to official ones with a few spelling changes." In another case, police mentioned that a person had searched for the customer care helpline of a bank to start online banking. They ended up dialling a cyber fraudster who tricked them into sharing their bank details and withdrew Rs 75,000 from their account. A couple of days later, the individual searched for how to unfreeze a bank account in case of cyber fraud and fell into the trap of cyber criminals again.

In another case, a victim said, "I had purchased a FASTag for my car through an online service. I searched for the customer care of the courier company and found one. When I called the number, a customer care executive gave me some steps to follow and I downloaded an application form, filling it up and making a payment of Rs 5, trusting the instructions. An hour later, a delivery boy arrived handed over the package. Approximately 24 hours later, I started receiving messages about money being debited from my bank account. I realised that I had lost Rs 90,000 in three separate transactions."

How to avoid being defrauded

- Always contact the customer service number provided on the official website of the service provider.
- Check for a consumer complaint redressal section within the merchant's mobile application.
- Pay close attention to the Twitter handles of companies that actively respond to customer posts.
- Exercise caution if a company representative reaches out to you through a direct message (DM) on Twitter.
- Merchants usually reply to customer tweets publicly and rarely initiate contact through DMs.
- Never share sensitive banking information such as credit/debit card numbers, CVV codes, ATM pins, banking passwords, or OTPs over the phone or via email.
- Avoid clicking on suspicious links.

If you fall victim to fraud, contact the police immediately to block any unauthorised transfers and notify your bank promptly.

High price for noble work

City-based animal rescuers want fixed prices for treatment of strays at private vet hospitals in light of soaring costs

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Rescuers have started an online petition urging the state government to cap prices

Animals like cats and dogs face a lot of dangerous situations such as accidents, injuries, chronic diseases, and death on a daily basis, some rescuers put in all their efforts day and night to save them. However, they often face challenges due to a lack of funds as the treatment costs at many private hospitals are high. The rescuers have started an online petition urging the state government to issue an order capping the treatment prices for these voiceless animals.

Rescuers have pointed out that veterinary services have become significantly more expensive compared to the past few years. Since there are not many government veterinary hospitals and the existing ones lack good facilities, many rescuers prefer taking injured strays to nearby vet clinics or hospitals for treatment.

The active city rescuers have disclosed that physically rescuing, transporting, treating, admitting, and providing post-operative care for the animals pose significant challenges. While some rescuers use crowdfunding to pay for medical bills, others use their own funds to save the animals. With the rising cost of treatment, they are finding it increasingly difficult.

Razia Khan, an active animal rescuer, started an online petition on Change.org, demanding that the Karnataka State Animal Welfare Board and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) meet to cap prices at private clinics, so that a nominal amount can be charged.

"A puppy was abandoned, and I took it for a blood test to check for health issues before giving it to the foster care. Just for some basic tests, I had to pay Rs 5,000 – Razia Khan, animal rescuer

Razia said, "Just recently, I picked up a dog from Hongasandra who had contracted canine distemper. The dog, around six to nine months old, had recently been taken for sterilisation, after which it contracted the disease. I found her in her last stage and took her for treatment to a private clinic around 11.30 pm. Since it was a case of canine distemper, the dog was treated in a separate space. The treatment cost around Rs 3,180, and I took her to the NGO, but she passed away the next morning. In another case, a puppy was abandoned, and I took it for a blood test to check for health issues before giving it to the foster care. Just for some basic tests, I had to pay Rs 5,000. There are many rescuers who still have to pay lakhs of rupees and are paying the hospitals in installments every month. It is becoming very difficult for us. The government should step in and reduce the charges."

She further added that since there is only one government veterinary hospital on Queens Road functioning round the clock, it becomes difficult for rescuers who live far away to transport the animals there.

Tarun Agarwal from the Anti-Cruelty Cell said, "Just like MNC companies have a CSR program, private clinics/hospitals should also have a budget set for rescue cases. They can't expect rescuers to pay the same price as pet owners. Private clinics/hospitals should consider the selfless act and contribute towards the cause. This will not only encourage individuals but also save many distressed animals."

Another rescuer said, "Every day, we witness the suffering of innocent animals who desperately need medical care. We are doing our best to save lives, but the high costs pose a significant challenge. It is crucial for the government to intervene and regulate the treatment prices at private clinics. By doing so, they will not only support the tireless efforts of rescuers but also ensure that every animal gets a fair chance at receiving the care they deserve."

Delivery boy thrashed in B'luru

A delivery boy was thrashed by the people after an eight-year-old claimed that she was kidnapped by him -- an accusation that eventually turned out to be false.

The police said on Friday the incident happened on July 12 in an apartment on Neeladri Road in the Electronics City area. The residents of the apartment who thrashed the delivery boy have landed in soup as he has filed an FIR against them.

The girl went missing from the residence, and later, her parents and friends found her on the terrace of the apartment. When she was questioned, she said she was kidnapped and "managed to escape from the clutches of the kidnapper by biting his hand".

She had pointed towards the delivery boy who was passing through a pathway in front of the apartment.

The parents and residents of the apartment had caught the delivery boy, thrashed him, and handed him over to the police.

The delivery boy was identified as Akhil Ranjan Das. He, however, did not budge, and did not accept the charge. He maintained that he was innocent and the girl had falsely accused him. But the police got suspicious as he had bite marks on his hand.

However, after consulting the doctor and verifying the CCTV footage, it emerged that the girl was lying, and the "bite marks" in question formed on Das' hand due to an old injury.

The girl had gone to the terrace on her own and was playing there alone. When questioned, fearing punishment by her parents, she scripted a kidnap story. – IANS

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Covid-19 rule violation: Case against CM, Deputy CM quashed

'State govt had not issued any notification under Epidemic Diseases Act barring padayatras'

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday quashed a case against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar in relation to violation of Covid-19 restrictions, during the Mekedatu Padayatra in January 2022, when they were in opposition.

The case against the two Congress leaders and several others was filed under the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act and the IPC, which was challenged before the HC.

IN HIGH COURT

Justice M Nagaprasanna noted that the state government had not issued any notification under the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act barring padayatra and such activities.

The HC also quashed four other proceedings against Shivakumar -- who is also the state Congress chief -- that were initiated against him under the same Epidemic Diseases Act.

"The notification which the State relies upon is the one issued under the Disaster Management Act and not under the Epidemic Diseases Act. Therefore unless notification under Epidemic Diseases Act is issued barring such activities, taking recourse to the Disaster Management Act and bringing it into Epidemic Diseases Act is unavailable," the HC said in its order quashing the case.

The complaint against Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar along with eleven others was filed by the tahsildar of Ramanagara on January 12, 2022. It was alleged that they had violated the Government orders and went ahead with the padayatra without permission.

File photo of the padayatra held in Mysuru in March last year

A local magistrate had taken cognizance of the crime and initiated proceedings.

The Congress, then in opposition, had staged a padayatra demanding the implementation of the Mekedatu reservoir project across the Cauvery river, near Kanakapura in the Ramanagara district.

Quashing the case, the HC said, "The registration of the case and the filing of the charge sheet by the police for violation of Epidemic Diseases Act is rendered unsustainable. All other offences alleged under IPC are offshoots of Section 5 of the Epidemic Diseases Act. That having been rendered unsustainable, all other offences would also follow suit."

Stay on FIR against Rahul Gandhi extended

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday extended the stay on the FIR against Congress party leaders Rahul Gandhi, Jairam Ramesh and Supriya Shrinate till June 23, over the alleged copyright violation of music from the hit film 'KGF Chapter 2.'

MRT Music, a sister concern of Lahari Music, had filed the complaint alleging that the music from the film to which it has the copyright was used by the Congress party in a promotional video of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The complaint is filed under Sections 120B, 403, 465 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 63 of the Copyright Act and Section 66 of the Information Technology Act. MRT Music had approached a Commercial court against the copyright violation which had directed the blocking of the social media handles of the Congress party. It was subsequently revoked by the HC after assurances by the party that the offending videos would be removed.

—PTI

State of contamination

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More than two years have passed since CPCB published the list, but not much has changed for Karnataka. The state still has 25 contaminated and probable contaminated sites to its name. To make matters worse, no significant measures have been taken to remediate these sites.

According to a recent progress report published by CPCB, the state pollution control board has made no headway in terms of preparation of a detailed project report (DPRs) and execution of remediation works.

As per CPCB's directions, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) was required to direct the responsible party to carry out a detailed investigation and remediate the sites scientifically as per the guidance document provided by CPCB. KSPCB was also informed that funds for remediation have to be borne by the responsible party. However, in the case of orphan sites, KSPCB can approach the State government for assessment and remediation in the larger public interest of protecting the health of people living in the impact zones.

KSPCB cries foul

According to KSPCB, many of the sites listed by CPCB in its report back in 2020, are not contaminated. Officials say while a preliminary study of the sites was conducted earlier this year and a report was submitted, it was rejected by CPCB, stating the study was not comprehensive.

"We did a preliminary study and requested CPCB to delist some of the sites as we did not find any contamination. However, CPCB has suggested a detailed study in a grid manner. This is the reason that DPR has not been prepared so far," said a senior KSPCB official.

The state pollution control board has now requested the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) to prepare a proposal on revisiting sites for a detailed study.

"EMPRI has agreed in principle, but they are yet to provide a fund estimate for the project. In this regard, we issued a letter to EMPRI a month ago. We are waiting for their proposal now. Once they send it to us, the work order will be issued immediately," informed the official.

Experts criticise KSPCB's lackadaisical approach

Environment experts and researchers opine that such sites can lead to various health and environmental problems and thus remediation should have happened by now. They highlight that harmful chemicals from these sites can enter the food chain and cause irreparable damage.

They say chemicals from these sites can easily seep into groundwater, contaminating the water table.

"KSPCB should be held responsible not only for the contamination of these sites but for delay in carrying out the remediation process. Since the sites have been left unattended for so long, there are higher chances of heavy metals leaching into surrounding water bodies, causing health issues such as cancer and kidney failure. This has left us vulnerable as both groundwater and surface water might be contaminated by now," said Dr. TV Ramachandra, Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc.

IN BRIEF

Constable 'killing' case: Minister assures justice will be done

Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar on Friday reacted to the alleged crushing of a police constable in Kalaburagi and said that this issue would be treated with utmost importance and justice will be given to keep the morale of the police up.

"This is very shocking. All these issues pertain to law and order. We need to stand with the policemen who really take care of law and order," Sudhakar said.

"The incident that has happened is gruesome and serious. We have to the action against whoever has done it. Our home minister will view this as an utmost important issue. And he will take care of this. Justice will be Given. The morale of the police will be kept up," he added while speaking to the reporters. The tractor diver has been arrested for allegedly crushing to death under his vehicle a police constable, police said. —ANI

Rape-murder: 11 years on, court acquits accused

A special CBI court in Karnataka has acquitted, for want of evidence, the accused in the sensational 2012 rape and murder case of college student Soujanya that took place in Ujire town in Dakshina Kannada district.

Special judge CB Santhosh has pronounced the judgment acquitting accused Santhosh Rao.

Daughter of Chandrappa Gowda and Kusumavathy, who resided at Pangala near Dharmasthala, Soujanya was a student of the SDM College in Ujire town. She went missing on October 9, 2012 while returning from the college to the house. The next day, her body was found near Mannasanka. The preliminary investigations suggested that she was kidnapped and gang raped. —IANS

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A glaring reminder of disregard

Residents of Ashok Nagar voice worry about neglected plant baskets, broken footpaths, and potholes

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had undertaken ambitious plans to make the city more 'green' by placing plant baskets in the streets. However, the mere placement of these baskets without proper maintenance has resulted in the plants drying up.

Many residents of Ashok Nagar raised concerns about the lack of care for the plants. One resident stated, "The BBMP had previously installed plant baskets as part of a beautification initiative. However, these baskets have been left neglected and now appear as barren patches of grass." Other residents added that during the implementation of the TenderSURE project in 2015, BBMP constructed roads and footpaths along Residency Road.

"As part of this project, plant baskets were installed throughout the area to enhance the city's aesthetic appeal. However, over the years, BBMP has neglected the maintenance of these plant baskets, leading to a deteriorated and untidy appearance. The original intention behind installing these baskets was to beautify the cityscape, but their current state does not align with that objective," explained Captain Guru N Mishra, another resident. vAdditionally, residents and activists pointed out the poor condition of roads, inadequate drainage systems, and insufficient waste management facilities within the city.

"The recent installation of street lights by BBMP, carried out a month ago, has resulted in improper construction of the footpaths, leading to numerous issues. Since the initial construction in 2015, the footpaths have not received adequate maintenance, causing the plaster to deteriorate. Despite these concerns being raised, BBMP has failed to address the issue and provide the necessary repairs," said Raju S, a traffic policeman.

This lack of proper construction and maintenance by BBMP has inconvenienced pedestrians and residents in the area, he added.

"As someone who frequently visits the area, I have noticed numerous broken footpaths and potholes along the way. This situation poses a significant risk of road accidents and jeopardises the safety of pedestrians. It is imperative for the BBMP to promptly take action and ensure the safety of its citizens," said Chandra Shekhar, another resident.

Responding to the situation, environmentalist AN Yellappa Reddy said, "The engineer responsible for overseeing the project should be held accountable, as this demonstrates indifference and complete negligence on the part of BBMP.

The public is suffering due to BBMP's lack of competence, and they should be held responsible for their actions. Engineers should personally compensate civilians from their own salaries when footpaths lead to injuries. Implementing such strict measures will bring about real change within the community."

— Snighdha Chatterjee and Esita Rani Mandal

The placement of plant baskets has resulted in plants drying up. Footpaths are also broken in Ashok Nagar

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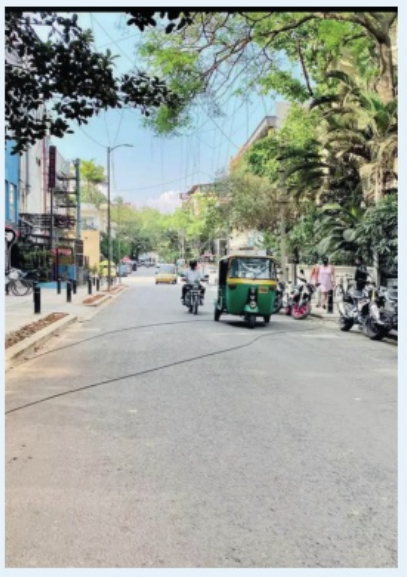

Lavelle Road is considered to be one of the busiest streets in Bengaluru. It connects important places like Richmond Circle to Mahatma Gandhi Square. The road was named after Michael F Lavelle, who was an Irish soldier. It is said that he later joined Kolar Gold Fields, where he earned a lot of money. Its neighbouring places include Vittal Mallya Road, Kasturba Road, Shantala Nagar, and more. The road is also near UB City, which is the largest commercial complex in Bengaluru.

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TAPTHECHATTER

where Bengalureans speak their mind

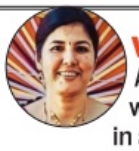
How are you planning to reuse your kitchen waste?

Samskruthi Shettigar, BM Reader
What we do in our house is dig a huge pit in the garden and dispose of all the vegetable peels and waste, converting them into manure. Later, we use this manure for all the flower-bearing plants.

Sravani Ganti, BM Reader
After using the important part of the vegetable, we regrow it using the stems. This method works best with greens, cabbage, and ginger. I started doing this for fun during the pandemic, but now I find it rewarding.

Deeksha Karkera, BM Reader
My aunt keeps a small bucket in the kitchen where she collects all the kitchen waste from dawn to dusk. This includes onion peels, eggshells, rice water, and fruit and vegetable peels. Later, she pours this mixture into the garden.

Garima Jain, BM Reader
Whenever I eat a fruit, such as papaya, I use the peel to cleanse my face. Rubbing fruit peels has proven effective in opening some pores in the skin. The same goes for cucumbers. If they become overripe, we use them for our eyes.



Vidya Prasad, BM Reader
All the excess water that is wasted when washing dishes is collected in a bucket. When the bucket is full, we use this water to irrigate the shrubs in the garden. We also add vegetable and fruit seeds, allowing them to mix with the soil.

Poorna Vijay, BM Reader
My mom is an avid gardener, and gardening serves as a stress buster for her. In our house, all the waste goes into a big bucket, where we generate kitchen waste fertiliser. We have also introduced soil-friendly worms.

SPEAK TO US

How can Bengalureans practise rainwater harvesting at homes?

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HEALTH TIP: One crucial step in managing depression is to reach out and seek support from others

Prioritising self-care can contribute to a sense of well-being and improve your overall mood

YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW

...the lesser-known risk factors for heart disease

Most people know that the risk factors for heart disease are high blood pressure, smoking, raised cholesterol, and being overweight.

However, many people who have a heart attack do not have any of these traditional risk factors.

Research has suggested that conditions such as gout, psoriasis, inflammatory bowel disease, and rheumatoid arthritis are also risk factors for heart disease. What they have in common is chronic inflammation.

In fact, some researchers have begun to re-frame cardiovascular disease as a chronic inflammatory disease of the arteries.

Scientists sometimes refer to this as the inflammatory hypothesis of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD).

Atherosclerosis is where fatty plaques develop in the walls of our arteries, making them stiff. When this happens in the arteries that supply oxygenated blood to the heart, it is referred to as coronary artery disease.

ASCVD can cause heart attacks, where not enough blood is being supplied to the heart, and ischaemic strokes, where not enough blood is being supplied to the brain.

To understand why ASCVD is an inflammatory condition, we need to consider how this process starts.

The first stage of developing atherosclerosis is thought to be some form of injury to the endothelium, the single layer of cells that line the arteries.

This can be caused by high levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, sometimes referred to as "bad cholesterol".

The toxins contained in cigarettes can also irritate the lining of the arteries and cause this initial injury.

When the endothelial cells are injured, they release chemical messages that attract white blood cells, an important component of the immune system, to the site.

These white blood cells enter the artery wall and cause inflammation in the artery.

The white blood cells also consume the cholesterol in the walls of the artery, leading to the formation of "fatty streaks" – one of the earliest visible signs of atherosclerosis.

Fatty streaks begin to form at a young age. By the time we are in our twenties, most of us will have some evidence of fatty streaks in our arteries.

This process of endothelial cell damage, white blood cell infiltration and chronic inflammation can continue silently over the years, eventually leading to the build up of plaque in the arteries.

This may also explain why people who suffer from chronic inflammatory conditions are at an increased risk of cardiovascular disease.

Long-term inflammation of the arteries supplying the heart and brain can eventually lead to heart attacks and strokes.

A heart attack occurs when a plaque in the artery supplying the heart becomes unstable. This can lead to rupture (bursting) of the plaque, leading to a clot forming in the artery and the blood supply to the muscle of the heart being interrupted.

People who experience a heart attack often have increased levels of inflammation and plaque instability in the days and weeks before the event.

The eventual "heart attack" and resultant damage to the heart muscle can be seen as this unstable inflammatory process reaching its zenith.

Because this chronic inflammatory process happens silently, many patients without traditional risk factors for heart disease will not be aware that they are at an increased risk of heart disease.

Measuring inflammation

Thankfully, there is a way to measure inflammation in the body. One way of doing this is with a blood test called high-sensitivity c-reactive protein (hs-CRP).

People with raised levels of hs-CRP have an increased risk of heart attacks and strokes. Raised levels of LDL-cholesterol are also a risk factor for ASCVD.

Several studies have reported that people who have high levels of both LDL cholesterol and hs-CRP seem to have the highest risk of cardiovascular disease.

A large clinical trial called Cantos tested the inflammatory hypothesis of cardiovascular disease by treating patients who had had a heart attack and had high levels of hs-CRP with an anti-inflammatory drug called canakinumab.

> **Research has suggested that conditions such as gout, psoriasis, inflammatory bowel disease, rheumatoid arthritis are also risk factors for heart disease**

The use of this anti-inflammatory drug reduced the levels of hs-CRP and resulted in a small but statistically significant reduction in the number of heart attacks experienced by these patients.

Unfortunately, there also appeared to be an increased risk of infections in the group receiving the drug.

This risk, alongside the high cost of the drug, means it is not likely we are going to start using canakinumab to treat ASCVD any time soon.

However, the study was considered groundbreaking in that it supported the hypothesis that inflammation plays an important role in ASCVD, and that targeting inflammation may be useful to reduce the risk of repeat cardiovascular events.

Embracing this change in how we think about the risk factors for ASCVD may allow us to better identify patients who are at risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Also, this may enable us to focus on treating inflammation in order to reduce cardiovascular risk.

Already, several studies are looking at using cheaper anti-inflammatory drugs, such as colchicine and methotrexate, to reduce inflammation and prevent the progression of cardiovascular disease.

Lifestyle changes to reduce inflammation

Fortunately, it is possible to reduce inflammation in our bodies without resorting to drugs. We can think of everything we do in our lives as being either pro-inflammatory or anti-inflammatory.

Smoking is pro-inflammatory as the toxins in cigarettes irritate the body. High levels of cholesterol in the blood and a diet rich in ultra-processed foods can also lead to chronic inflammation in our arteries.

Conversely, a diet rich in fruit, vegetables, whole grains and fatty fish is thought to be anti-inflammatory.

Exercise also reduces the levels of inflammation in the body. Obesity, in particular carrying excess weight around your midsection, appears to cause chronic inflammation. Losing weight around your midsection will help to reduce this inflammation.

Stress can also induce a chronic low-grade inflammatory response in the body, and it is important to try to manage our stress levels. It is also important to maintain healthy blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index – the traditional markers of heart disease risk.

By making anti-inflammatory choices we can all reduce our chances of developing heart disease.

— By Robert Byrne and JJ Coughlan (The Conversation)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my fifties and over the past few months, I've started to worry a lot about everything.
I'm terrified of my parents dying, as they're both about to turn 80 soon, I worry about my children and about my marriage.
I worry a lot about the state of the world my kids are growing up in. I can't pinpoint where all this has sprung from. I used to be quite relaxed, but now I'm just afraid of everything.
I know my family and friends have noticed a change in me and my husband has been great. But while it's good to have support and kindness, it's not really helping me to get out of this rut.
I had an operation last year, which thankfully wasn't serious, and since then I've been concerned about my health.
I hate feeling like this all the time and want to get back to being carefree.

COLEEN SAYS

The midlife crisis is a real thing and I totally relate to your letter because I had those feelings, too. And I'm not talking about those clichés of affairs and sports cars, but waking up to your mortality. You start getting leaflets through the door about stair lifts, care homes and funerals, and it all coincides with the menopause, people around you getting ill, your parents ageing, and your kids growing up and needing you less.
It's a lot to process and I think if you don't take control of it, it can spiral into a depression. It's important to start focusing on the other side of the coin – you still have both parents. Your husband seems supportive, so maybe you need to find some joint goals and get excited about what's in your future as a couple.
But don't spend your life now worrying about what might or might not happen five or 10 years down the line. Try to live more in the present and enjoy the journey you're on.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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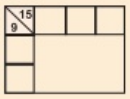
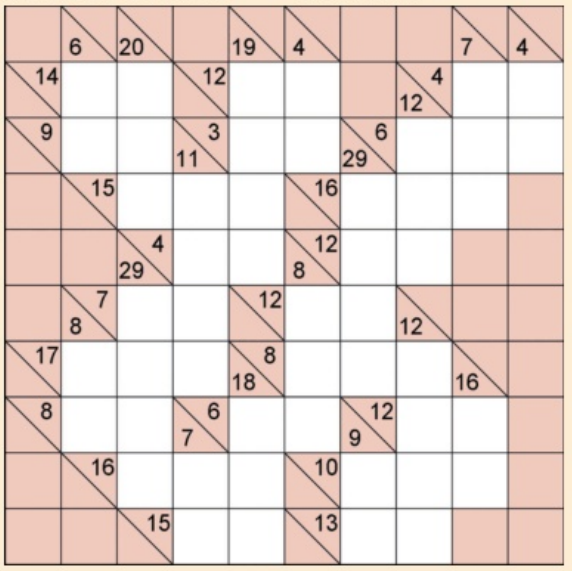
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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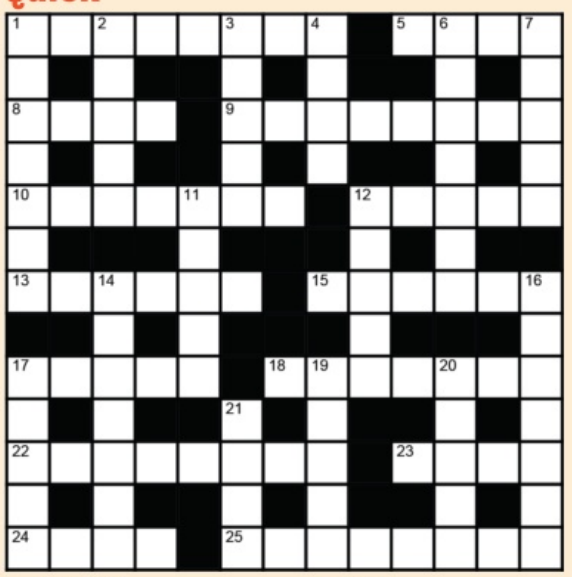


ACROSS

1 Annoyed, heckled or persecuted (8)
5 Martial art ___ fu (4)
8 Whetstone for sharpening (4)
9 Salutation (8)
10 Puts on one's clothes (7)
12 Chief or principal (5)
13 Shift (6)
15 Sat on the fence (6)
17 Choir members (5)
18 Fill or gratify (7)
22 Capital of Hawaii (8)
23 A case for needles (4)
24 Search for (4)
25 Administrative capital of South Africa (8)

DOWN

1 Jayachamaraja Wodeyar ____: Last king of Mysore and first Governor of Karnataka (7)
2 Move to music (5)
3 Scoundrel (5)
4 Obligatory payments (4)
6 Merging or making one (7)
7 A type of lively dance? (5)
11 Rescues (5)
12 Double fold (5)
14 Early performance (7)
16 Ms Padukone of Bollywood (7)
17 Cricket trophy (5)
19 Treat badly (5)
20 Thespian (5)
21 Put together (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS P

MU ODY WJN GWQWVKN QNDQKN WJN EWQQO PD QKWO SMPE ODY.

Linemaro

What's your first name? Ooh, it matches my last name!

Mindchow

As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so life well used brings happy death

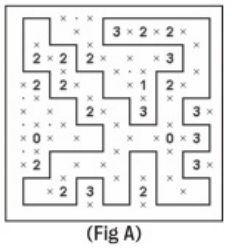
Joke of the day

Concerning Chinese tobacco: Many men smoke, but Fu Manchu

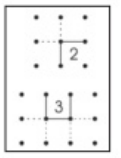
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



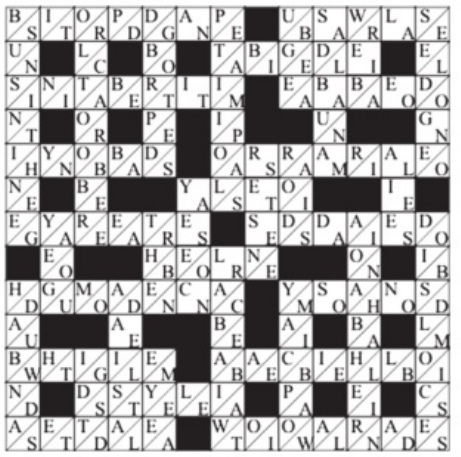
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

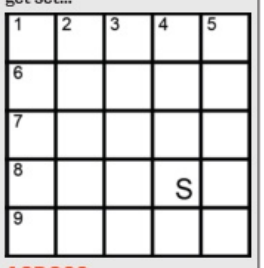
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

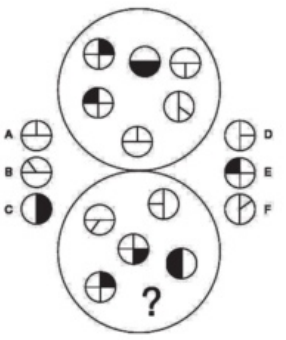
1 Barb I; 6 Solid; 7 Largo; 8 So bee; 9 Sores

DOWN

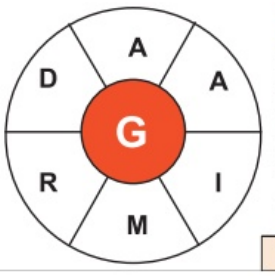
1 Or rig; 2 Boo ad; 3 Sober; 4 Basle; 5 Less I

Mensapuzzle

Which of the circles, A, B, C, D, E or F, should replace the question mark in the bottom large circle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

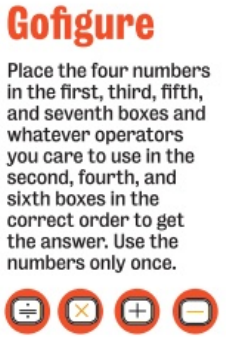
SudokuChallenge

7		9						6
	4				8		9	
			2		1			3
	3	6		8		9		
			5		7			
		5		6		2	1	
1			9		3			
	8		7				3	
2						6		5

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



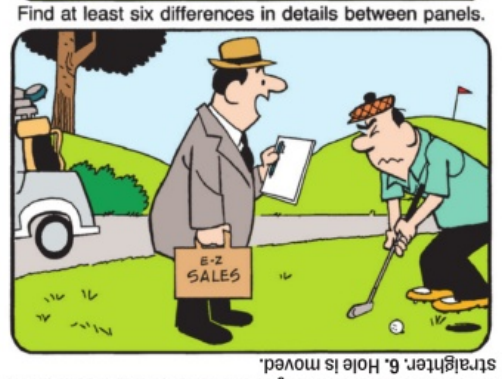
Easy = 5
3 3 3 4

Medium = 16
3 5 6 7

Hard = 59
4 5 7 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pen is added. 2. Golf cart tire is thinner. 3. Putter is different. 4. Eyes are different. 5. Tree trunk is straighter. 6. Hole is moved.

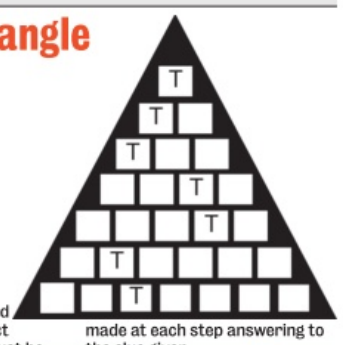
Riddler

Oxy the Moron set out into the world and learned a big word, OXYMORON!!! After searching about this new word for a some time, he came up with a teaser made especially for you! Can you figure out which well known oxymorons these words are? Ex) Initial facsimile = original copy

1) solitary option
2) approximately precise
3) trivial calamity
4) accurate approximation
5) authentic duplication

Alpha triangle

1 20th letter
2 Infinitive word
3 Rocky height
4 Decays
5 Kinds
6 Shops
7 Stableboys



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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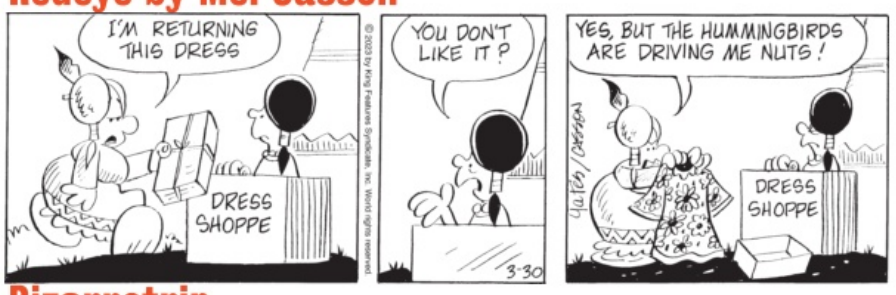
COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip

I see swirling inner turbulence, but calm clarity will soon follow.
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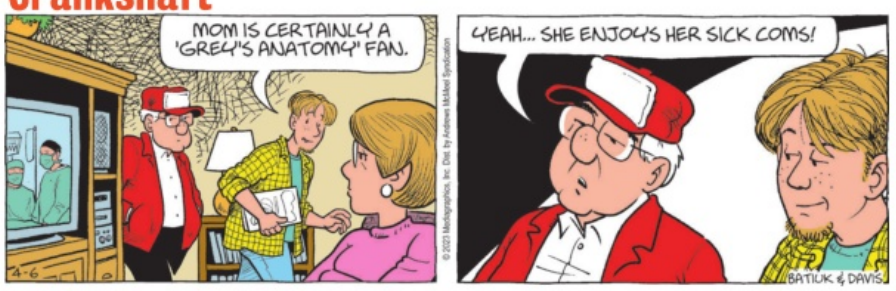
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HOW TALL ARE YOU GUYS?
5'9". TALLEST IN THE FAMILY.
5'5". AND ALL MY SISTERS ARE TOO.
THERE'S NO HOPE FOR ME.
YOU'LL BE GROWING FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS. YOU'LL GET TALLER.
TEN YEARS?! I THOUGHT YOU STOPPED GROWING AT FOURTEEN! SINCE YOU CAN GET A JOB!
DEAN, I DON'T THINK YOUR BODY FOLLOWS PENNSYLVANIA LABOR LAWS.

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, your plans will not work on the professional front, which will make you arrogant. You should try to avoid making important decisions in terms of investment and relationships. Couples and lovebirds, you should try to avoid arguments to maintain harmony in your relationships. Students should not choose shortcuts in their studies.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, the moon will make you more sensitive and emotional. You should avoid investing in real estate or other assets. Take care of your parents' health. You can expect some delays in your work as well, but face them with patience. On the professional front, you should not be indecisive.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you will be glad as you will be able to maintain a balance between your earnings and expenditures, which will boost your finances. Your network will help you implement your plans. Your siblings and subordinate staff will be more helpful today. Plan a visit to elders or a spiritual place.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, your energy level will be high, making you happy and optimistic about fulfilling your desires with the help of hard work. Plan outings with friends and family to share your happiness. Students will receive good news in terms of their studies.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, until late afternoon, the day is not good, and you may feel unhappy and nervous. However, after noon onwards, you will be happier, and your internal vitality will boost your self-confidence. Avoid carelessness when making decisions regarding finance, profession, and studies. Sometimes you may face self-respect issues with your spouse, so be patient to avoid turning happy moments into bad ones. Lovebirds will plan for short trips.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, your tendency to overspend will affect your savings. Be careful while expressing yourself at work and on the domestic front. Avoid lending money and postpone making important decisions regarding real estate and other assets. Try to avoid a tendency of evading your responsibilities.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you will re-establish your network through social get-togethers, which will benefit you in the near future. Individuals in fields related to glamour, art, and fashion will plan to do something new in terms of their profession. Students will perform better in their studies today. Lovebirds will enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today will be a busy day for you in terms of work, and the workload may make you tired, but you will still enjoy your work. Your financial situation will be good, and you will not spend money on worthless things. You will be more polite with your family, friends, and loved ones. You may also receive some good news from family members.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, blessings from elders will give you confidence. Follow your intuition before taking any initiatives, as it will help you in your work. Your intuition will also help you gain more in terms of finance. Plan a visit to a religious place with your family members. Control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life. Students can expect good results with the help of destiny.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, before noon, you may feel happy and enjoy your work, but from the afternoon onwards, negative feelings will make you feel dull. This will affect your professional life, and you can expect some domestic arguments as well. Avoid lending money to anyone, as it might not be easily recoverable. Analyse yourself and identify your negativities. Occult sciences will attract your attention today in terms of study.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You will be in a very good mood since morning and feel more romantic, bringing harmony to your domestic life. Your patience will help you do your best professionally, and you will experience some coordination with your colleagues and business partners.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You will be successful in controlling leakage and unnecessary expenditures, which will boost your bank balance. Be careful about your children's health. Singles may experience unexpected progress in terms of marriage. Individuals related to travel, diplomacy, and the supply chain will perform better. Pay attention to any stomach issues and take care of your well-being.

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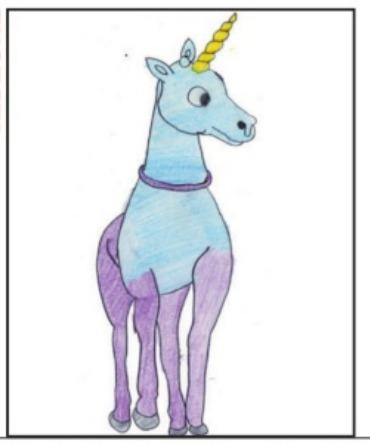

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SOLUTIONS

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BULL'S EYE
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QUOTE UNCODE
If you are capable people are happy to play with you.

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MENSA PUZZLE
D: each circle in the bottom half is a repeat of a circle in the top half, but rotated 90° clockwise.

RIDDLER
1) only choice,
2) almost exactly,
3) minor crisis,
4) exact estimate,
5) genuine imitation

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
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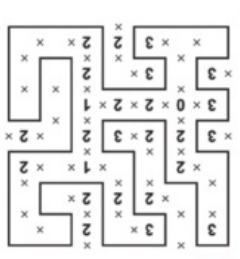

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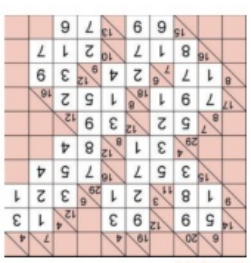

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 # Old-school romance
In an interview, Rakul Preet Singh shared the reason behind her prolonged singlehood. She attributed it to her preference for a dream-like, old-fashioned romance, like in a 90s romantic film

All in good time

Kangana Ranaut opens up about her marriage plans

Actor Kangana Ranaut, who is currently busy promoting her upcoming production 'Tiku Weds Sheru' talked about her marriage plans.

Talking exclusively to ANI on Wednesday, Kangana said "There's a time for everything and if that time has to come in my life then it will come. I do want to get married and have my own family... but, at the right time it will happen."

Helmed by Sai Kabir Srivastav, the film stars Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Avneet Kaur in the lead roles and is all set to stream on the OTT platform Amazon Prime Video from June 23.

Recently, the makers of the film unveiled the official trailer, which received a good response from the audience. The trailer showcased the ups and downs in the lives of an unconventional couple -- a junior artist and an aspiring actor, who begin their mad-cap journey as they hustle together to achieve their ambitions in the city of dreams, Mumbai.

Sharing what made him say yes to the film, Nawazuddin earlier said, "Tiku Weds Sheru is a comedy-drama that weaves elements of real-life struggles that people go through with a unique love story. Tiku and Sheru, are very different personalities who have a common dream. What excited me about Sheru is that while personifying challenges faced by individuals aspiring to achieve success in the entertainment industry, he is relatable, brings his own set of quirks, and stands out as an endearing character."

Meanwhile, talking about Kangana's work front, she will be next seen in the upcoming period film 'Emergency' in which she will be seen portraying the role of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

'Emergency' marks her first solo-directorial film. The film also casts Anupam Kher, Mahima Chaudhry, Vishak Nair and Shreyas Talpade in prominent roles. Also, she will be seen headlining 'Chandramukhi 2'. Helmed by P Vasu, the film is the sequel to the blockbuster hit Tamil horror comedy 'Chandramukhi'. **—ANI**

A difficult scene

Actor Ali Fazal is back with a new international film titled 'Kandahar', which stars Gerard Butler in the lead role. Ali's character in the movie has many action scenes, including one of the most difficult stunts that he had ever shot, also his opening shot.

Sharing details, Ali said, " While shooting Kandahar I remember shooting one of the most difficult scenes and I suppose in my opinion the most iconic shot for me was my entry. A cool chopper flying over a seabed. And just before it lands I open the door and I have to jump out, get into a running van. And we scoot off. And then the van goes into the valley, I get on a bike. The van stops and the back door is opened and the bike is there and then I have to ride off on the bike."

"But the declining railing, I had to get off while taking a turn on off a moving bike on the sand and then rush off in the opposite direction. And that was one of the hardest shots I'd been part of in the film..." he added. **—ANI**

Catch up at airport lounge

A video of actors Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif chatting with Alia Bhatt at the airport lounge in Mumbai has surfaced on social media.

The viral video shows a brief glimpse of Alia hugging Vicky as she enters the lounge. Later, Alia, Katrina and Vicky are seen sitting around a table, chatting with each other.

B-Town couple Vicky and Katrina could be seen twimning in all-black outfits, while Alia can be seen in a colourful crochet top with her hair tied up into a ponytail.

On Thursday morning, Alia jetted off to Brazil to attend the Netflix Tudum 2023 event in Sao Paulo. Around the same time, the paps, stationed outside the airport, also spotted Vicky and Katrina at the Mumbai airport, as they were heading to an undisclosed location.

She will participate as one of the cast members of Netflix's action film 'Heart of Stone,' which marks her Hollywood debut. Her co-stars Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornan are also part of the talent line-up.

Apart from her, actor Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana Khan, producer Boney Kapoor's daughter Khushi Kapoor and Amitabh Bachchan's grandson Agastya Nanda will also attend the grand event.

Meanwhile, on the work front, the 'Sanju' actor was recently seen in the romantic comedy film 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke' opposite Sara Ali Khan. **—ANI**

Dull screenplay makes film lose its plot

BERA
2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Vinu Balanja
- **ACTORS** Yash Shetty, Rakesh Maiyya, Suman, Harshika Poonacha, Ashwin Hassan, Chitkala Biradar
- **Duration** 142 minutes
- **Certification** U/A

Vinu Balanja, a well-known tele serial director, debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this movie. Balanja has selected a very good subject that throws light on the unfortunate killings of youngsters in the name of caste and religion in Coastal Karnataka. But Balanja is yet to come out of tele serial direction.

The movie begins with two leaders Asadulla and Keshavanand from two communities attempting to gain the upper hand. Both try to influence Saleem (Yash Shetty) and Vishnu (Rakesh Maiyya) who have an exhibition of old coins. Saleem helps Vishnu to maintain a goshala while the latter helps the former to run the exhibition.

While Asadulla wants Saleem to remove the pillars of an ancient temple installed in front of the exhibition, Keshavanand wants the pillars intact and assures protection to Saleem and Vishnu.

Meanwhile, rumours are agog on the imminent killing of Saleem or Vishnu by rowdies hired by Asadulla. Police Inspector Vivek (Ashwin Hassan) enters the scene to protect the duo. What happens to Saleem and Vishnu is what Bera is all about.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Yash Shetty has tried his best to play the role that offers no scope to showcase his acting skills. Rakesh Maiyya, a well-known tele serial actor, has nothing to do in this movie except mouthing a few dialogues. Aravind Rao, as a vicious leader of a community, is convincing. Veteran character actor Dattatreya makes a brief appearance.

Multi-lingual senior actor Suman plays a top cop who has lost his son. He too has nothing to do except appearing in a few scenes to lead a team of police officers and console his wife Saru (Chitkala Biradar). Character actor Ashwin Hassan has acted well. Harshika Poonacha has done a different kind of role in this movie.

The disadvantage of this movie is the lack of comedy and songs.

It is worth a watch if you want to understand how leaders with vested interest create law and order problems and make innocent youngsters the scapegoats in Coastal Karnataka.

—Y Maheswara Reddy